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**CITY OF PORT ORANGE ANNOUNCES TWO HONOREES AT VOLUSIA LEAGUE
OF CITIES ANNUAL DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

Port Orange, FL...The City of Port Orange is proud to announce two of its honorees who were recognized at the 2017 Volusia League of Cities Annual Distinguished Service Awards Banquet held on Thursday, May 25th at the Sanborn Activity Center in DeLand. City Manager, Jake Johansson, was selected as Executive of the Year and Police Officer, Jonathan Nolan, was chosen as Employee of the Year for Public Safety for Volusia County.

“We are truly excited that Jake has been named VLOC Executive of the Year,” said Mayor of City of Port Orange, Don Burnette. “Since Jake’s arrival in August of 2015, our City has stabilized significantly, and has begun moving forward again. His leadership and decision making has given the employees in Port Orange regained pride in their city and workplace. His impact goes beyond our own borders, as he’s positively impacted our relations with our neighboring municipalities and with county government as well,” added Burnette. “By working with other cities and the county, regional economic development groups, and local chambers of commerce, Jake leads the charge to improve the lives of residents and businesses throughout the region.”

“Officer Jonathan Nolan has been an officer in Port Orange since 2013 and has been a consistent, quality officer since day one,” said Port Orange Police Chief, Thomas Grimaldi. “Jonathan is committed to public service as is evident of his quality of work and great attitude. His apprehension of two bank robbers responsible for at least three bank robberies is only one example of Jonathan’s diligent police work,” added Grimaldi. “In addition, he has received several letters of recognition for outstanding police work over the past four years. He is not only a credit to the Port Orange Police Department, but a credit to our profession. I am very proud and happy for him to be named the Volusia County Public Safety Officer of the Year.”

The Volusia League of Cities Annual Distinguished Service Awards is the premiere event in Volusia County where award recipients include elected officials, appointed officials, public employees, and citizens who have exhibited outstanding service in the past year in their cities and Volusia County.

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